

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT TRANSMITTAL

Applicants: James R. Keogh, et al

Examiner: Rosenthal, Casey S.

Serial No.: 10/054,447

Group Art Unit: 1615

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Docket: P-9170.00

Title: METHOD FOR COATING MEDICAL DEVICE SURFACES

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Commissioner for Patents

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Multiple Dependent Claims	No			+ 300	\$
TOTAL					\$00.00

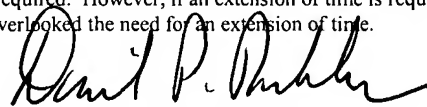
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☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.

Date

May 2, 2005

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Dear Sir:

REMARKS

This response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2005. Applicants note that the Examiner has reconsidered the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated August 12, 2004 and rejoined claims 1-10, 52-61, 103-114, and 162-173 in this application. Applicants assume that claims 233-234 were also rejoined and inadvertently omitted from the Office Action cover sheet, and have treated them as such in the following remarks. In this Office Action, the Examiner has requested election of species. Applicants, through their attorney, elect with traverse the following species including those the Examiner has identified: the type of medical device elected is an implantable medical device, the claims readable on this species being the generic claims 1, 52, 103, 162, 233, 234, 235 and 236 and the species claims 2, 53, 104, 163, 237 and 255; the type of surface component elected is a polymer, a polyamide, a polycarbonate, a polyether, a polyester, a polyolefin, a polyethylene, a